

AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 15, 2005, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as shown in the listing of claims above.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courteous Action on the merits.

Request For Continued Examination

The finality of the previous Office Action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §.114 and the previously filed Request for Continued Examination has been formally entered.

Drawings

The drawings accompanying the previously filed Request for Continued Examination are objected to because the recessed metal section (66) is indicated to a recess in the load beam (16), as opposed to the flexible metal layer, as shown in Fig. 1. Corrected drawings are transmitted herewith; Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out this error.

Claim Objection

Claims 4 and 5 are objected to. Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Claim 4 has been amended to replace the phrase "a suspension load beam" with --the suspension load beam—and "a flexible circuit" is replaced by "the flexible circuit".

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 has been amended above.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 4-11 is noted with appreciation. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-3 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Accordingly, amendments have been amended as shown in the listing of claims above.

Conclusion

Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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